

(c) whether the Government are considering to recruit the required staff;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). As per the information available with the Government, the position in respect of Compounders and Nurses in U.P. in Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres as on 31.12.95 is as under :

	Compounder (Pharmacist)	Nurses (Nurse Mid-wives)
Required	4023	5595
Sanctioned	927	259
In position	927	259
Vacant	Nil	Nil

(c) to (e). The recruitment of Compounders (Pharmacists) and Nurses (Nurse Mid-wives) is the responsibility of the State Government.

[English]

Fake Institutions

3354. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a fake education institution has been detected in Bhopal on September 17, 1996, which extorted money from the students in the name of providing Degrees and Diplomas in Engineering;

(b) if so, the number of persons from which it extorted money and the amount extorted;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any action to check such fake educational institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b). There had been a news item in Bhopal that the Local District Administration initiated action against a fake institute promising to award degree and diploma in engineering. Such matters are dealt with by the State Governments under their legal jurisdiction.

(c) and (d). The All India Council for Technical Education is a Statutory Body established under the AICTE Act, 1987 for coordinated development of technical education in the country. No engineering college can be started without the approval of AICTE in accordance with its regulations.

Cataract Patients

3355. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has been auditing a funds allotted to India for treatment of cataract;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the short term and long term plans of the Government for combating the menace of Cataract afflicting 80% of the economically poor persons and the steps of implement the same; and

(d) the number of eye camps organised in the country during the last three years and with what success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As a short term measures, eye camps are organised through the country by means of mobile units in the rural/tribal areas to clear the backlog of cataract. As a long term plan, the infrastructure in the district hospitals is being strengthened by constructing eye wards and dedicated eye operation theatre and providing ophthalmic equipments for modern cataract technical and also providing refresher training for District Ophthalmic Surgeons posted there to improve their surgical skills. It is, also, proposed to involve Non-Government Organisations on a sustainable basis for giving eye care.

(d) Information regarding No. of eye camps organised is not collected at Central level. However, the No. of cataract operations performed during last three years are as under :

Year	No. of cataract operations Performed
1993-94	1913630
1994-95	2165468
1995-96	2470499

U.S. Training to Sri Lankan Army

3356. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the US defence experts are providing training to the Sri Lankan Army in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, whether the Government have since examined the security ramifications thereof for India; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Sri Lanka and the US have an ongoing programme of cooperation between the defence establishments of the two countries which includes courses in defence institutions, visit of experts and Joint exercises on lines similar to what exists between the US and other countries in our region.

(b) and (c). The Government closely monitor all development which have a bearing on India's security interests.

Snow Removed by BRO

3357. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of snow (cu meters) removed by the Boader Road Organisation (BRO) from the Zojila, Rohtang, Baralacha, Taklang, Khardong and Changla passes separately during the last three years, year-wise and total expenditure incurred each year separately for snow clearance operations on the above passes;

(b) whether proposal to construct a tunnel through Rohtang Pass is under consideration of the Government;

(c) if so, the total expenditure likely to be incurred on the tunnel on Rohtang Pass;

(d) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey to construct tunnels through Zojila and Khardong passes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The details of snow clearance and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years from 1993-94 to 1995-96 are given in the enclosed statement.

(b) There is a proposal to construct a tunnel across Rohtang pass. M/s RITES are presently engaged in conducting a feasibility study in this connection.

(c) The cost of construction of Rohtang tunnel will be known only after the feasibility study is completed. However, as on March, 1994, the tentative cost of construction was estimated at Rs.351 crores.

(d) and (e). There is at present no proposal to conduct survey for construction of Tunnels across Zojila and Khardungla passes.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Snow Clearance and Expenditure Incurred from years 1993-94 to 1995-96

S. No.	Name of Pass	Snow cleared (CU metres)			Total	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lacs)			Total
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	
1.	Zojila	2130863	2014361	1381052	5526276	21.15	21.15	21.15	63.45
2.	Rohtang	2504755	2440673	2185437	7130865	41.50	41.50	41.50	124.50
3.	Baralachala	136508	140332	137236	414076	2.18	2.18	2.18	6.54
4.	Taklang	124506	120380	121580	366466	20.61	20.61	20.61	61.83
5.	Khardong	3036890	3186394	3280306	9503590	47.13	47.13	47.13	141.39
6.	Changla	1514832	1631465	1539865	4686162	24.70	24.70	24.70	74.10

Bridges in Goa

3358. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to complete the bridges on the Talpona and Galgibaga rivers along National Highway-17 in Goa;

(b) the cost of the bridges; and

(c) the time by which the same are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The work of construction of bridges on Talporra and Galgibaga rivers has been included in the 8th Five Year Plan. The

alignment has been approved and land acquisition completed. Due to paucity of fund, the State Government have been asked to take up the work under B.O.T. Scheme.

Sailja Committee in regard to KVS

3359. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the recommendations of Sailja Committee appointed in 1995 regarding the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) The details of the recommendations accepted and implemented by the Government?